

DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 19 AS IWO JIMA DAY

CHAPTER 618

S.B. No. 961

AN ACT

relating to the designation of February 19 as Iwo Jima Day.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.062. IWO JIMA DAY. (a) February 19 is Iwo Jima Day in memory of the heroism and courage of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who participated in the successful capture of the island of Iwo Jima beginning February 19, 1945.

(b) Iwo Jima Day may be regularly observed through appropriate activities in public schools and other places.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 22, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 16, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**PROHIBITED DISPOSITION OF A DECEDENT'S REMAINS BY
A PERSON CHARGED WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONDUCT
AGAINST THE DECEDENT; PROVIDING AN
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY**

CHAPTER 619

S.B. No. 988

AN ACT

relating to the prohibited disposition of a decedent's remains by a person charged with certain criminal conduct against the decedent; providing an administrative penalty.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Holly Combs Act.

SECTION 2. Section 711.002(l), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(l) A person listed in Subsection (a) may not control the disposition of the decedent's remains if, in connection with the decedent's death, an indictment has been filed charging the person with a crime under Chapter 19, Penal Code, that involves family violence against the decedent. *A person regulated under Chapter 651, Occupations Code, who knowingly allows the person charged with a crime to control the disposition of the decedent's remains in violation of this subsection commits a prohibited practice under Section 651.460, Occupations Code, and the Texas Funeral Service Commission may take disciplinary action or assess an administrative penalty against the regulated person under that chapter.*

SECTION 3. Section 651.460(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person violates this chapter if the person:

(1) arranges for funeral services or merchandise and fails to provide a customer with a purchase agreement as required by Section 651.406;